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TEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION THE SECRETARY

Dear Secretary,

Enclosed is an original and four copies of a Petition for Rule Making to amend the FM table of allotments for a new FM broadcast station for Saratoga, Wyoming.

Sincerely,

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President

Mountain Tower Broadcasting

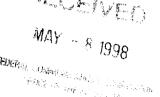
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In the matter of:)		
Amendment of Section 73.202 (b))	DM	
Table of Allotments)	RM	
FM Broadcast Stations)		
(Saratoga, Wyoming))		

PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

In this petition, Mountain Tower Broadcasting is hereby requesting to allot channel 259C (99.7 Mhz) to Saratoga, Wyoming as its first local FM allotment.

INTRODUCTION

1. This statement is a petition for rule making to allot FM channel 259C (99.7 Mhz) to Saratoga, Wyoming and add it to the Commission's FM table of allotments, 73.202. The following will show the need for an FM channel and the effects the allotment of Channel 259C to Saratoga will have.

DISCUSSION

2. Saratoga is located in South Central Wyoming. It is also located within Carbon County, a county of some 16,659 persons. Hanna has a population of 1,969 persons in accordance with the U.S. 1990 census.

3. The allotment of channel 259C to Saratoga will provide the first local broadcast facility to the community and/or the surrounding area. The closest FM allotment to Saratoga is located at Rawlins. Rawlins is located 51 kilometers from Saratoga.

It is obvious that from the above spacing that Saratoga is presently without local FM service.

- 4. Saratoga would greatly benefit from an FM allotment due to the fact there is no AM or FM broadcast facilities within 51 Kilometers of Saratoga. Because of this, it would have an outlet for local self expression. Health and safety for the community would be increased due to having a local communications outlet for warning the Saratoga area of emergency conditions caused by severe weather or other health hazards.
- 5. Channel 259C can be allotted to Saratoga and meet all rules and requirements of the Commission. The instant proposal will not cause a change in the channel number or a deletion of any channel now appearing in the Commission's table of allotments 73.202.

	Present	Proposed	
Saratoga, Wyoming	Alphandria FF had may	259C	

6. In accordance with 73.207 of the Commission's rules, "Minimum Distance Separations between Stations", all allotments on Channel 259C and the pertinent adjacent channels to 259C have been studied with the results listed in Figure 1 of this petition. The geographic coordinates used for the spacing

Study (N 41 - 31' - 38", W. 106 - 58' - 37") are that of a site located 16.3 kilometers northwest of the community of Saratoga. A site restriction of 16.3 kilometers northwest will be required to allot channel 259C to Saratoga. Many suitable transmitter sites are available to provide city grade coverage (3.16 mv/m or 70 dbu) to the entire community of Saratoga. These sites would also provide full minimum spacing requirements to other allotments.

CONCLUSION

- 7. It has been shown that Saratoga would benefit from the allotment of channel 259C. It has also been shown that channel 259C can be allotted to Saratoga and meet all rules regarding spacing from other stations. Considering these two facts, Mountain Tower Broadcasting hereby requests that the Federal Communications Commission institute a Rule Making proceeding to amend the Table of Allotments to include channel 259C for Saratoga, Wyoming, 73.202.
- 8. Should channel 259C be allotted to Saratoga, Wyoming, I certify that I will file an application for a Construction Permit to operate an FM station for Saratoga, Wyoming.

CERTIFICATION

9. I certify that I have prepared or directly supervised the preparation of this entire Petition for Rule Making, and that the facts contained within are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, accurate and true.

Dated: May 6, 1998 Respectfully submitted,

Victor A. Michael Jr.

President

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MAPFM search of channel 259C (99.7 MHz), at N. 41 31 38, W. 106 58 37.

Searching Channel 259C (99.7 MHz): CALL CITY ST CHN CL S DIST SEPN BRNG **CLEARANCE** 308.1° K206AJ Sinclair WY 206 D L 27.5 0.0 27.5 148.4° ALC Denver CO 258 C U 241.2 241.0 0.2 143.6° KKHK Denver CO 258 C L 248.2 241.0 7.2 81.8° WY 258 A V 181.1 161.0 ALC Chuqwater 20.1 81.8° ALC Chuqwater WY 258 A V 181.1 161.0 20.1 208.8° ALC CO 260 C U 312.1 241.0 71.1 Fruita Fruita CO 260 C L 312.1 241.0 208.8° KEKB 71.1 208.8° CO 260 C C 312.1 241.0 KEKB Fruita 71.1 WY 260 C2 U 188.0 188.0 WY 260 C2 C 188.0 188.0 WY 260 A C 188.0 161.0 103.3° ALC Cheyenne -0.0 103.3° KRRR Cheyenne -0.0 103.3° KRRR Cheyenne 27.0 WY 260 A C 188.0 161.0 103.3° KRRR Cheyenne 27.0

FIGURE 1

Mountain Tower Broadcasting Channel Study (channel 259C) Saratoga, WYoming

